



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 5/11/2022    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up    **Arrival:** 9:30 AM    **Departure:** 11:25 AM

**CCLC-30974**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
05/11/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
02/15/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing
02/07/2022	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A1-1st Right	Infants	1	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Breakfast, Transitioning
Main	A2-2nd Right	Two Year Olds	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	A3-3rd Right		0	0	C	16	C	NA	NA	
Main	A4-4th Right		0	0	C	15	C	21	C	
Main	A5-5th Right		0	0	C	30	C	42	C	Outside, Transitioning
Main	A6-5th Left		0	0	C	25	C	35	C	
Main	B1-1st Left		0	0	C	7	C	NA	NA	
Main	B2-2nd Left		0	0	C	10	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B3-3rd Left	One Year Olds	1	10	NC	15	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	B4-4th Left	Three Year Olds	1	19	NC	20	C	27	C	Outside
Main	B5-6th Right	PreK	1	17	C	25	C	35	C	Outside, Transitioning
Main	B6-6th Left		0	0	C	24	C	34	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 274					
Total # Children this Date: 72			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 219			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 274				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Plgd-A1	12	C
Main	Plgd-A2	128	C
Main	Plgd-B1	14	C
Main	Plgd-B2	96	C

**Comments**

An in person visit was conducted on this date. Citations from the visit were reviewed with the person in charge prior to leaving the visit.

Plan of Improvement: To Be Submitted 05/11/2022

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee



**Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:**

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

**Refutation Process:**

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.'





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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.12(1) requires each Employee and child in attendance to use all indoor and outdoor furniture, activity materials, and equipment in a safe and appropriate manner and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, recommendations, and intended use. All equipment and furniture shall be used only by the age-appropriate group of children. It was determined based on observation that equipment was not being used in a safe manner in that two infants in bouncers were placed inside cribs and not used on the floor as intended.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2022**

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022**

**Corrected on 5/11/2022  
.25(13) - Corrected**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were accessible:

- six of six swings Shooks on the right playground were rusted
- four of four swing Shooks were rusted on the left playground

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**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022**

**Recited on 5/11/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that there was trash in the manner of chip bags and wrappers were throughout the Left and Right Playground.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/18/2022**

**Recited on 5/11/2022**

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022**

**Corrected on 5/11/2022**  
**.10(4) - Citation corrected.**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.10(9) requires Center Staff to not use the area used for diapering for food preparation and to keep the diapering area clear of formulas, food, food utensils and food preparation items. It was determined based on observation that in the 2nd Left Classroom that a used bottle, rubber container with breakfast, and milk were on the diapering changing station.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2022**

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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Please ensure lids remain on trash containing organic waste.

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022**

**Corrected on 5/11/2022**  
**.17(7) - Citation corrected.**

**Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022**

**Corrected on 5/11/2022**  
**.17(8) - Citation corrected.**

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation that both center buses had trash in the floors. It was further determined that bus ending in tag number 2417 had exposed foam on all seats and bus ending in tag number 9374 had exposed form on the 2nd seat and last seat on the drivers side. In additions,

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

Correction Deadline: 2/1/2022

Corrected on 5/11/2022  
.30(1)(a)2 - Citation corrected.

**Staff Records**

**591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**

Not Met

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(1) requires all Employees and Provisional Employees to receive Initial Center orientation prior to assignment to children or task. It was determined based on a review of records that one staff member hired in April 2022 did not have orientation prior to being placed in the classroom.

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Correction Deadline: 5/11/2022

**Finding**

591-1-1-.33(2) requires the initial Center orientation to include the following subjects: the Center's policies and procedures; the portions of these rules dealing with the care, health and safety of children; the Staff person's assigned duties and responsibilities; reporting requirements for suspected cases of child abuse, neglect or deprivation; communicable diseases and serious injuries; emergency weather plans; the program's emergency preparedness plan; childhood injury control; the administration of medicine; reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); hand washing; fire safety; water safety; and prevention of HIV/AIDS and blood borne pathogens. It was determined based on a review of records that one new staff member had signed off on orientation but the person providing the orientation did not sign the paperwork.

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Correction Deadline: 5/12/2022

**Staffing and Supervision**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(1) requires the Center to maintain the required Staff:child ratios as follows: under 1 year or under 18 months if not walking = 1:6; 1 year and walking = 1:8; 2 years = 1:10; 3 years = 1:15; 4 years = 1:18; 5 years = 1:20;and 6 years and older = 1:25. A Center must establish groupings of children for care with maximum group sizes as follows: under 1 year = 12; under 18 months/not walking = 12; 1 year and walking = 16; 2 years = 20; 3 years = 30; 4 years = 36; 5 years = 40; and 6 years and older = 50. It was determined based on observation that the 2nd Left Classroom had a staff:child ratio of 1:10 among one-year-old children. A ratio of 1:8 was required. The 4th Left Classroom had a staff:child ratio of 1:19 among three-year-old children. A ratio of 1:15 was required.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(2) requires the Center maintain Staff:child ratios in mixed-age groups based on the age of the youngest group of children that includes more than twenty percent of the total number of children in the mixed-age group. It was determined based on observation that one staff membre was present on the center playground with 36 three-year-old and four-year-old children.

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**Correction Deadline: 5/11/2022**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.32(7) requires that children be supervised at all times appropriate to the individual age, needs and capabilities of each child. Such supervision must include, but not be limited to, indoor and outdoor activities, mealtimes, naptime, transportation, field trips, and transitions between activities. "Supervision" means that the appropriate number of Staff members are physically present in the area where children are being cared for and are providing watchful oversight to the children, volunteers and Students-in-Training. The persons supervising in the child care area must be alert, positioned to maximize their ability to hear and see the children at all times, and able to respond promptly to the needs and actions of the children being supervised, as well as the actions of the volunteers and Students-in-Training, and provide timely attention to the children's actions and needs. Staff shall be attentive and participating with all children during mealtimes and shall be seated within an arm's length away from children thirty-six (36) months of age and younger. It was determined based on observation that in the 1st Right Classroom and infant was eating a bottle in the highchair and staff were not within arms length away participating in that they were doing other activities within the classroom. It was further determined that the infant staff member was moving children and walked inside the classroom to place children in the room and left two infant in highchairs in the hall, and then walked out to get the children from the hall leaving the infant in the classroom alone for a brief moment. In addition, three infants were eating in highchair and the staff member was not seated within arms leength away but was moving around the class. It was further determined that the Pre-K staff member was observed to take children to the classroom and walk out for a brief moment to get a purse.



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